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FOOD PARKS
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is not following a uniform policy to establish food parks in every State of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has any system to evaluate the performance of the existing food parks;

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the assessment made regarding existing food parks;

(e) the State-wise details of the number of food parks and benefit accrued to the people; and

(f) the State-wise details of the financial assistance provided by the Government to establish food parks in the country during the last three years including current financial year as on date?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI)

(a) to (f) : Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI) under its Plan scheme provides financial assistance to the project proposals received from various organizations including State Governments for establishment of Food Parks as per extant guidelines. The scheme of Food Park is project oriented and financial assistance is extended for creation of common facilities such as power supply, water supply, cold storage, warehousing facilities, effluent treatment plant, food testing analytical laboratories, common processing facilities etc. A list indicating State-wise details of the number of Food Parks approved in the country for financial assistance by MFPI is annexed.

The Ministry monitors the performance of approved food parks with the implementing agencies and the respective State Governments/ State Nodal Agencies from time to time and periodical progress reports from implementing agencies are used to evaluate the performance of the existing food parks. A diagnostic study by an independent agency was also got conducted with the objective to identify constraints and understand the needs of the industry in terms of additional support and measures required both at policy and promotional level to achieve full utilization of the Food Parks.

State-wise details of the financial assistance approved by the MFPI for establishment of Food Parks in the country during the last three years is given below:

Sr. No.	State	Financial assistance approved (Rs. In lakhs) 2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	Total
1.	Karnataka	-	-	400.00	400.00
2.	Kerala	-	388.00	-	388.00
3.	Maharashtra	-	387.00	400.00	787.00
4.	Nagaland	-	-	387.12	387.12
5.	Rajasthan	-	-	351.98	351.98
6.	Tamilnadu	325.00	-	-	325.00
7	Uttar Pradesh	323.11	-	-	323.11
8 .	West Bengal	578.92	379.88	-	958.80
	Total	1227.03	1154.88	1539.10	3921.0 1

As 10th Plan period has come to a close on 31st March, 2007, no Food Park project under 10th Plan Scheme has been approved for financial assistance during 2007-08. MFPI has submitted a scheme to Planning Commission, which envisages providing financial assistance for setting up of thirty mega Food Parks in the country during 11th Five Year Plan period.